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FIVE MEN PERISH AS BAY CRAFT FOUNDER IN FOG AT SEA

MANY INJURED AS FOG PALL CLOSES DOWN

Automobiles and Street Cars Crash When Record Mantle for Bay District Brings on Gloom During Holiday Rush

San Francisco Fares Worse Than Oakland, With Big List of Collisions on Traction Lines; Vessels Defer Sailings

Fog that wrapped a baffling mantle, almost impenetrable, about the bay district last night, took its toll of injuries. Three persons in the city were killed in automobile and street car wrecks.

The fog, the heaviest of the year, descended about 4 o'clock, just as crowds of holiday shoppers were wending their way homeward. So dense was the pall that traffic moved only at a snail's pace and frequently the interurban trains would come to a dead stop for minutes before moving again to proceed. It was at its worst at the height of the commuter rush. Ferry and train schedules were demoralized. Many were the close shaves on the bay and land.

FORMER CAPTAIN HURT IN COLLISION.

J. Stanley Richardson, former captain in the Canadian army, residing at 2117 Koss street, Berkeley, was a Roosevelt Hospital patient with a fractured left hip and other injuries as a result of a collision in the fog. With his father, J. M. Richardson, he was waiting in front of the Berkeley women's gymnasium, Alston way and Shattuck avenue, for his sister, Miss Violet Richardson, supervisor of physical education in the Berkeley schools. Captain Richardson was standing by his car, a Buick, at the corner of Renzo Morello, 2117 Sixth street, crashed into the Richardson machine, jamming it against the captain.

WOMAN INJURED BY TRAIN-AUTO CRASH.

Mrs Ed Johnson, 6518 Raymond street, Oakland, was taken to Roosevelt Hospital last evening as a result of a collision between her machine driven by her husband and a Southern Pacific electric train at Alston and Todd streets. Johnson lost his way in the fog. Mrs. Johnson was able to return home later.

The automobile of J. W. Eves, 5209 Manila avenue, was demolished by a Key Route train in Berkeley at Fairview and Adeline streets, when he missed the street and ran into an excavation made in repairing the track. The train came along and crashed into him and he received serious injury before being pulled out of the machine before it was struck.

In the downtown section of Oakland, and especially along the estuary and western water front, the fog was so thick that one "could not see his hand before him" and the heavy blanket extended with somewhat lessening density into the residence district in the hills. All through the night the warning tools of automobiles, muffled somewhat by the density of the atmosphere, were heard, and on the bay the fog horns kept up a constant chorus.

In San Leandro the condition was even worse than on the east side of the bay and the traffic was more seriously interfered with. Two street car accidents were reported. A Municipal car ran into a United Railroad car at Twenty-ninth and Church streets, and two municipal cars collided at Fourteenth and Market streets. Owing to the slow rate of travel the collisions did not result seriously. The fog was heaviest according to traffic men in the vicinity of Decatur and Van Ness and at Fourteenth and Market. All the inspectors of traffic on both sides of the bay were called out in the endeavor to keep the systems from complete demoralization.

SAILING OF OCEAN STEAMERS CANCELLED.

On the bay the boats ran as much as an hour late on a trip, and sailing of ocean steamers were cancelled. A launch, the Buster Tynan, was sent at California City at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The boat and crew landed ashore and a tug was sent to pull her off.

The Southern Pacific ferry steamer, Grand City on the 9:45 trip from Oakland missed her ship entirely and ran into pier 18 some distance south. No damage was done. The boats "felt their way" across the bay, taking no chances with any more headway than would actually keep them moving. Commuters were delayed, reaching their homes hours late.

The Oakland Receiving Hospital reports no accidents as a result of the truly London fog.

Wilson to Announce Rail Fate Tonight

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—President Wilson will announce tonight the date on which the railroads will be returned to private control.

Director General Hines is understood to have had a recommendation to the president that government control be ended at the close of this year. Mr. Hines has made a study of the legislation governing the return now before congress and has reported to the president on it.

Neither the White House nor the railroad administration would discuss the matter, but administration officials generally still held to the opinion that federal control would be ended at midnight Dec. 31 as the president stated it would be in his message to congress last May.

Christmas Mail Lost in Car Fire Mystery Blaze Inquiry Is Ordered

Postal inspectors are investigating a mysterious fire which destroyed thousands of dollars worth of Christmas mail and packages on a federal mail car while en route to Sacramento early this morning.

The car, loaded to capacity, with Christmas mail and parcels, left San Francisco this morning at 6 o'clock, as part of train No. 28. Most of the mail was consigned to Sacramento and Sacramento valley points.

Shortly after leaving Oakland fire was discovered on the car and it gained such rapid headway it was necessary to run the car onto a siding at Rodeo where the flames were extinguished after considerable effort.

United States Postal Inspector S. H. Morse has assigned his deputies and a special agent to investigate the matter thoroughly.

U.S. TIGHTENS BAN ON SHIPMENT OF ARMS TO MEXICO

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
LEASED WIRE TO TRIBUNE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The ban on the shipment of arms and munitions to Mexico was tightened today by an order of Secretary of State Lansing. All outstanding and unused licenses prior to September 30, 1919, under which some war materials could be sent to Mexico were ordered revoked January 1, 1920. No specific reason was given for the action which was taken under the war board trade act. The announcement follows:

"The Secretary of State directs that all outstanding unused licenses issued prior to September 30, 1919, by the War Trade Board or the Trade Board section of the Department of State for the exportation to Mexico of arms or munitions of war shall be revoked effective January 1, 1920. Subsequent applications for customs have been advised that said licenses will be of no further force or effect on or after January 1, 1920."

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DANIELS SIGNS ORDER FOR SAN DIEGO NAVY BASE

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CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—District Superintendent of Internal Revenue Supervisor Edward Snorrowski was charged with having accepted bribes to influence his decisions with regard to arrests in connection with the enforcement of the war-time prohibition laws in a warrant issued today by United States Commissioner Mason. The warrant for the arrest of Snorrowski was issued after three men arrested in connection with other liquor graft cases confessed, implicating the supervisor.

The warrant charges Snorrowski with having secured \$2500 from one man, involving the sale of liquor.

Revenue Officer Takes Bribes, Claim

BY INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.
LEASED WIRE TO TRIBUNE.

PITTSBURGH, Kan., Dec. 24.—All Kansas miners striking in protest against the sending to jail of their president, Alexander Howat, were ordered to return to work by district officials this afternoon. The order went out by direction of Howat, who communicated with his officers by telephone.

Howat announced from his office that the miners and other local strikers would be taken up by the district board here Friday.

One thousand miners still were on strike today making idle six mines.

Commission Called to End Coal Controversy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The coal commission will meet next Monday to take up the final adjustment of the coal controversy, the White House announced today. The call for the meeting was issued by President Wilson today.

General Wood Will Throw Hat in Ring

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
LEASED WIRE TO TRIBUNE.

MITCHELL, S. D., Dec. 24.—Wood was received at Republican district headquarters here today that Major General Leonard Wood endorsed for President by the Republican State convention at Pierre, will file a formal announcement of his candidacy with the secretary of state before January 1.

Premier May Join With Northcliffe

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
LEASED WIRE TO TRIBUNE.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Some political observers today saw in the unanimously laudatory attitude assumed by the Northcliffe press toward Premier Lloyd George's Irish proposal a possible reapproachment between the great publisher and the statesman.

SOCIAL LEADER IS ROBBED BY MAID 'RAFFLES'

Home of Mrs. Lewis A. Hicks Looted of Diamond Ring and Choice Wearing Apparel by Woman Employed Same Day

Offender Believed to Be Same Thief Who Raided Residence in San Francisco; References Give Name as "Mrs. Wilson"

BERKELEY, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Lewis A. Hicks, president of the Mobilized Women's Organization of Berkeley and well-known social leader of the college city, is mourning the loss of a \$100 diamond ring today as well as several choice pieces of her wardrobe as the result of hiring a new maid.

When Mrs. Hicks left her home at 2:30 Piedmont Avenue yesterday morning to work at the American House of the Mobilized Women in West Berkeley, she left the maid in charge. Returning home late in the afternoon, she found a deserted house. Investigating she discovered that a three-stone diamond ring as well as a new pair of expensive shoes and a silk waist had also disappeared.

It leaked out that defense attorneys believe Miss Clancy's story will mark the turning point in the trial.

According to statements made in the courtroom today, Miss Clancy was the unintentional cause of the slaying because she told Freda Lesser about New's life and did not hesitate to be placed in this light when she takes the stand in her half brother's defense. She and Mrs. Berger, New's mother, opposed the match.

FAMILY SKELETONS BARED BY DEPOSITIONS

The so-called skeleton in the closet of United States Senator Harry S. New is on trial for the murder of his fiancee, Freda Lesser, again stalked through the pages of startling depositions taken and read in New's defense when the

match.

Commenting upon Baron Kurt von Lersner's first decision to return to Berlin with the note and his second decision to remain in Paris, the newspaper points out that it was impossible for the German envoy to remain, fearing a disavowal of his action by Berlin.

REGULAR ITALIAN TROOPS DISPLACE REBELS AT FIUME

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
LEASED WIRE TO TRIBUNE.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Troops of the regular Italian army are taking over the garrison at Fiume, according to a Central News despatch from Rome today. The troops will occupy the disputed city until its status as a free port is established, it was said. Premier Nitti of Italy is reported to have promised the following day to send a naval force to Fiume and to begin negotiations with the Austro-Hungarian government.

Mrs. Hicks says she employed the maid after the latter had presented extensive references, especially one from a Louise Morris at Menlo Park. Giving her name as Mrs. Wilson, the maid professed to have worked for prominent families in Palo Alto and Menlo Park and appeared for duty in a neat black costume and a white apron.

Mrs. Hicks is the wife of Lewis A. Hicks, who is 35 and 49 years of age, with dark hair and blue-gray eyes with a peculiar cast and presents a neat, modish appearance.

In place of the shoes and waist which she appropriated from Mrs. Hicks' wardrobe, the maid left behind a worn pair of shoes, two waists and a nightgown. The waist apparel being found in the servant's room at the Hicks' residence. Mrs. Hicks is the wife of Lewis A. Hicks, well known engineer and member of Alameda county's water commission.

FREEDOM DOUBTFUL EVEN IF INSANITY PLEA WINS

BY UNITED PRESS.
LEASED WIRE TO TRIBUNE.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—Even though Harry S. New may be saved from the gallows and from prison, he still may not win his freedom.

Should the jury find that New killed Miss Lesser but that he is insane, observers agreed today that there is every indication an effort will be made to send him to some state institution for the criminally insane.

Many wondered whether such a trial of events would lead to another Howat. There case, it was pointed out that New's defense seems well financed and that he has attorneys with the ability to carry on a long and hard fight from most any angle.

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Although the conciliatory spirit grows, no concrete proposals have yet been framed by either side.

The conference was advised to day that only the German naval mission returned to Berlin to discuss the latest allied note demanding Germany sign the protocol. The remainder of the German mission remained in Paris, the conference was advised.

General Bartholot was to return from London this evening, after discussing settlement of conditions in France, England and the Orient with Premier Lloyd George.

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All night and today, and for a day previously, the fog caused great annoyance to navigation, both on inland and deep waters, and reports from all along the coast bring news of delays and inconvenience.

Only two steamers, the Centralia and the Oregon, were able to get through the foggy waters of the bay.

From Portland today noon came a report that a sixty-mile gale is blowing along the northwest coast, and in the bay district storm warnings have been posted, warning vessels to remain.

A steamer, the Columbia, was

caught in the fog and was unable to move.

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AFFRONT BY MEXICO STIRS BAD FEELING

By SAM I. FREED.
United Press Staff Correspondent.

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LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 24.—Mexico is fully as interested in the national politics of the United States as are the Americans themselves. This is due to the general belief in that country that the next general election here will have an important effect upon the relations by the nations.

In its recent diplomatic intercourse with the United States, the Carranza government has assumed that a Republican congress would not help President Wilson any too freely, and at the same time that Wilson would not play into the Republicans' hands on any point of the Mexican situation. For this reason, the complexion of the next American congress and the result of presidential contests are absorbing the interest of Mexican leaders. They are eager to obtain the opinion of Americans in Mexico as to who will be the next president. They show a particular interest in General Wood. It may be taken for granted that the attitude of the next president in regard to Mexico is being carefully investigated by President Carranza.

LACK OF FAITH.

At present there is a very noticeable lack of faith in each other's attitude on matters affecting the two countries, according to well informed persons. It is pointed out that the notes on the Jenkins and Wallace cases failed to develop a common basis upon which a settlement could be reached. Neither country, it is conceded, accorded full faith in the other's evidence.

For instance, in the Wallace case Mexican officials are satisfied with the testimony of their own citizens that the Americans provoked the fatal attack on him by riding his mule over a machine gun squad.

The American investigation, however, developed the fact that Jenkins had ridden into Wallace's mule, causing the animal to shy into the squad.

After shooting Wallace, the Mexican soldiers poured liquor over his body to make it appear that he was drunk.

American friends of Wallace testified that he never drank.

ONLINE IS DOWN.

Latest developments in the Jenkins case similarly illustrate the conflict which apparently influences every diplomatic interchange of the two countries. The American consul-general reported to his embassy in Mexico City that he personally heard Jenkins make an original statement against him and said they were coached to say at first that he was in collusion with his abductors. Although repeatedly promised a transcript of these retranslations, the Pueblo court finally refused to give Jenkins a copy and later even denied the poems made retractions.

In dozens of instances in Mexico the

same inclination to depend wholly upon their own version of circumstances, which were later entirely refuted by the American State Department. The escape without punishment of the Jenkins abductors has created a situation in the Transvaal region which Americans say has resulted in Americans being treated like dogs by Mexican soldiers. Pay-roll robberies there are increasing.

COURTESIES OVERLOOKED.

American diplomats in Mexico are at a loss as to how to improve the situation. The American's courtesy toward American protests against murders and other matters requiring international exchanges. Even the formal courtesies have been overlooked by the Mexican foreign office, the last Jenkins note being given to the press before it was presented.

Although taken separately, the various affronts to the United States in the last few years appear to be of minor caliber, they are declared by American officials acquainted with the situation to have combined to generate a growing feeling notwithstanding the outward appearance of comparative serenity.

Frank Pixley Hurt By Fall on Steamer

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 24.—Frank Pixley, famous as a writer of many popular books, died yesterday in a local hospital as the result of an accident when he fell against a lifeboat on the deck of an incoming steamer, breaking his nose and suffering other facial injuries. His condition is not considered serious.

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Women of Mexico Oppose Projected Philanthropic Intervention From U. S.

By ASSOCIATED PRESS.

LEADER WIRE TO TRIBUNE.
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 24.—Resolved to protest against "Projected philanthropic intervention in Mexican affairs by the recently formed Childhood Conservation League of the United States," were adopted at a meeting of the Mexican feminist council today. The league, which it is said, "proposes with the financial backing of a group of the largest and best known magnates of the United States, to spend from one million to four million dollars annually on charitable propaganda in Mexico to bring about ultimate intervention in Mexican affairs."

Senora Elana Torres, general secretary of the feminist council, today issued the following statement to The Associated Press:

"Mexican women hold Mexico itself to be best able to judge its own needs and to find a way to meet them in due time. Outside aid, however, well meant, is entirely uninvited."

BEGINNING AT HOME, WOMEN TOLD.

"Those desiring to spend money to relieve temporary straits in Mexico incident to the ten-year revolution may find means through Mexican institutions already organized for such purposes. Also, all benevolent and charitable objects of charity, those benevolently inclined United States citizens desirous of relieving suffering, had best take care of those 3,000,000 to 6,000,000 children which the 819 report of the children's bureau at Washington declares are living annually in the United States from hunger and malnutrition."

The Mexican feminist council also holds that those persons financially supporting the movement are

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COMPROMISE POSSIBLE.

Talk of a compromise on the peace treaty has been seriously revived by informal conferences between the leaders of the administration forces and of the Senate faction opposed to ratification. It will be two weeks at least before the country will know how much progress has been made toward an agreement on the form which the resolution of ratification shall take, but when Congress reconvenes January 5 it is to be hoped that some practical plan will be reported.

Those who are taking it upon themselves to decide the fate of the peace treaty, who are assuming to say whether or not the country shall or shall not have peace, should bear in mind that the country expects them to leave considerations of political party opportunity and success out of the discussion. Any Senator who attempts to make of the peace treaty an instrument of attack upon the government or of defense of the government, or of promoting presidential booms is unworthy of the public confidence. The treaty of peace is as much a national question as was the cessation of the war and the winning of the military victory.

Differences between the two factions ought to be dissolved. There must be yielding on both sides. If the President's statement that he has nothing to offer in the way of a compromise means that he will not consider a compromise he constitutes one of the most serious obstacles to ratification. But if a compromise which can be accepted by the Allies is agreed upon it can be accepted by the President and by refusal to accept he will become responsible for the continuation of the state of war.

The Senate should work hard to bring about an agreement which will be endorsed by two-thirds of the members, the vote necessary to ratification. The country expects it to do this and the country does not like to be disappointed in its legislative representatives.

EUROPE'S RECEPTIVE MOOD.

There have come from Europe during the last two weeks encouraging indications that the principal Allied governments are not averse to accepting the treaty with certain reservations.

Of course they would not like to see pass a reservation which would deny and withhold American co-operation in enforcing the peace conditions, or in helping safeguard the world against recurrence of the Teutonic attack. But they would not reject reservations simply because they constituted an effort to modify the Versailles agreement. They would examine the substance of the modifications very carefully, but without any prejudice against the idea of reservation on the part of the United States.

situation; the Turkish problem, with Armenia, Syria, Palestine, Persia and Mesopotamia.

Thus the European Allies are not impervious to suggestions for reservations or forehand interpretations of the League of Nations section of the peace treaty. They recognize, and this is the cold truth, that there is no formidable objection, no ground for formidable objection, in the United States to acceptance of the peace treaty insofar as it deals with the specific questions produced by the war or to provisions for the enforcement of the terms covering pure war questions. They know that the strength of the opposition is derived from the pictured fears, whether real or mere shadows does not matter, of the obligations which the League covenant may impose upon this country for the future, after the war questions are disposed.

The Allied government being composed of well-informed and astute statesmen, are not themselves inclined to enter upon the unknown future blindfolded and with tied hands. Therefore they understand the disinclination of some political leaders to acquiesce in any program which means American interference in the affairs of Europe. They may consider this short-sighted or a too emphatic adherence to past traditions, but they know that it may be honestly conceived and persisted in.

One may expect, in view of these circumstances, to find in Europe a yielding disposition with reference to reasonable and practicable reservations against the League covenant by the United States Senate. By excluding politics and tackling the question with an honest desire to establish peace upon the basis of the treaty agreement a compromise is not impossible. It ought to be the serious purpose of both factions at Washington.

SLAYERS ESCAPE JUSTICE.

A woman and a man several weeks ago went out into the streets of San Francisco with a preconceived plot in their hearts. The woman was to entice another man—any man she might meet—into conversation with her. She succeeded and the stranger was cold-bloodedly murdered by her husband.

A court proceeding was held a few days ago, which by courtesy may be called a trial, in which a jury picked largely from hangers-on, acquitted the man-killer of the charge of crime. He goes scot-free. To cover the scandal the woman is being held as an accessory to a crime which a jury has already declared was not committed. As soon as public anger subsides she also will go free.

The man was acquitted because of assertions by ready-tongued "mental experts" that he was not in his right mind when he killed his fellow man.

Down in Los Angeles they are trying another man for taking his sweetheart out on a lonely road and shooting her—in cold blood. His defense is mental unbalance at the time of the crime. The woman killer, if the percentage of acquittals in such cases hold up, also will be set free.

Will there ever come a day when sharp practice in the courts or silly sentimentalism on the part of jurors will cease to defeat justice and protection for the public?

The Navy Department is being criticized for its action on recommendations of commanding officers in the active war forces of the navy regarding the bestowal of distinguished service medals. It is charged that some of the recommendations for honors for men who distinguished themselves in action before the enemy were disregarded in favor of gentlemen who occupied soft billets at Washington. It is regrettable, of course, that cause for criticism in recognizing merit during the war should be given. It is to be hoped that the cause is not as serious as some persons seem to think. Mr. Daniels has promised to make public the whole record as soon as completed and judgment might well be reserved until then. In any event the Navy Department has not been accused of sympathy for and coddling of conscientious objectors and other slackers. In that respect it is in a far more enviable position than the War Department.

Now that Bay Point has its concrete roads constructed by the county they are considering the question of incorporation and the candidates for the high office of Mayor is eagerly sought by several patriots, and it is stated by a local Bay Point paper that some of the candidates may be selecting their office furniture now, in one particular, Bay Point put it over on Walnut Creek; they got their roads before incorporating, but we got our Mayor first—Contra Costa Courier.

The reason given for those requesting is that the persons from whom they emanate wish the United States to make a "satisfactory" peace time experiment in government management and operation of the railroads. It is not in the least probable that congress and the president will heed these strange requests. The suggested withdrawal of the Cummins bill should not be seriously entertained by the Senate committee to which it has been referred. If the Cummins bill cannot be passed because of the managed and variegated opposition, open and covert, which it is encountering, then some temporary legislation should be enacted to enable the various railroad corporations to resume control and operation of their properties without facing insolvency.

The suggestion that the government engage in an experiment in railroad operation under peace conditions is devoid of merit. There is abundant evidence that the American people are in no mood for any such experiment and see no reason for making it. The railroads were taken over for the sole purpose of facilitating unified operation for military ends. For part, the reason for inferior service at higher rates has been accepted with resignation. Heavy deficits have been incurred and met by the loyal taxpayers. Now it is high time to substitute for the emergency policy the normal policy of private operation under effective public control based on just and enlightened legislation.—Chicago Daily News.

This statement is praiseworthy for its frankness. Among the problems which the European allies have before them are those in the Adriatic and the Balkans—Dalmatia, Fiume, the Greek-Bulgarian boundaries, the settlement of controversies between Yugoslavia and Austria and Hungary, the tranquilization of disputes between Romania and Bulgaria and Hungary, the Russian

NOTES and COMMENT

The dry law is to have another hearing before the Supreme Court on January 5, which indicates that in some quarters hope continues "to spring eternal in the human breast."

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Carranza has received another ultimatum. As "ultimatum" in American dictionaries is defined as "a final statement," the receipt of every new one must cause great merriment in Mexican official circles.

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Attorney General Palmer promises that the cost of living will drop the first of the year. It is hoped that the Pennsylvania member of the cabinet is possessed of inside information that is accurate and trustworthy.

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As Yuletide approaches a spirit of compromise appears to be manifesting itself in the Senate and an agreement is hinted at which will finally break the treaty deadlock. It is time the congressional decks were cleared for action on other important legislation. Continued treaty discussion jars.

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A San Francisco girl was bequeathed \$120,000 and a German title. Some people will question whether the cash was sufficient compensation for what went with it.

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Secretary of State Jordan has blossomed out as a friend of the farmer with the state election two years off.

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A San Francisco resident who attempted to meet the high cost of living by taking in a handsome boarder found that the experiment cost him his wife. After all, she may not have been worth much.

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Laclede, Missouri, has been placed on the map. This little village, heretofore unknown to fame, commands the front pages. As the home town of General Pershing, Laclede is entitled to the space, notwithstanding the scarcity of print paper.

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Oakland girl, mother of five at 18, has gone back to her first husband, following her elopement with husband number two. Never too old to learn, it would seem, and never too young to yearn.

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One Professor Porta musters his troops of storms, quakes and volcanoes. Nevada reports a shake, as per schedule, and there are hopes and fears for the future.

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Truxton Beale offers youthful Republicans \$10,000 for an acceptable party platform, believing, no doubt, that the rest of the nation's amateurs can do as well as Bill Bryan.

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One Chicago man spent \$275 000 on one necklace for Christmas, when he might have made several friends happy with turkeys and have had a couple of dollars left for greeting cards.

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SPIRIT OF THE STATE PRESS

The Fresno Republican, good converted "dry" that it is, fails to conceal a certain selfish, gleeful satisfaction in the fact that the East seems to be "drinking" raisins, according to the advertising manager of the Associated Raisin Company. No other explanation, it says, can be offered for the unprecedented demand for raisins, particularly for the rather inferior dried wine grapes.

Pleasantly and with a grin the esteemed Republican skims lightly over the thin ice and finally reaches the comforting conclusion that if folks buy them for food, turn them into syrup and the syrup "spoils." Fresno is not to blame if it is very profitable for that section and if the grapes fermented that way don't do as much harm as they used to do. But how does the Republican editor know that?

Our judgment is, that for his thinly veiled hypocrisy, the Fresno editor should be turned over to the Sacramento Bee to do its worst—without mercy.—Stockton Record.

George H. Hecke, director of the State Department of Agriculture, is giving much attention to securing cotton seed for California growers next year. California's cotton crop was worth \$20,000,000 this year, most of it being produced in Southern California, but since it has been demonstrated that cotton will thrive in the Sacramento valley and large acreages are being planned for this section of the State, the problem of securing a sufficient amount of good seed is not an easy one.—Vallejo Register.

"Humboldt once pronounced Mexico 'the treasure-house of the world.' Before the World War it produced one-third of the world's silver, considerable percentages of its gold, one-ninth of its lead, and one-twentieth of its copper. The country's mineral production, exclusive of iron, coal, and petroleum, amounted to \$138,000,000 in 1910.

With the exception of Campeche, Tabasco, and Yucatan, every State in the Mexican Republic possesses mines of which there are 21,000, covering 633,000 acres of mineral lands, and giving employment to half a million men. Yet probably less than one-fourth of the mineral possibilities of the republic have been exploited. Prior to the outbreak of the Madero revolution, upward of 5000 mining claims were granted each year.

"The melting snows from the San Juan and Sangre de Cristo ranges of the Rocky Mountains in southern Colorado form the source of the Rio Grande, which, after flowing south through New Mexico, bends southeast at the western extremity of Texas, courses between it and Mexico for a distance equal to that of Saint Louis from New York, and descends in 1100 miles from an elevation of 4500 feet to sea-level at the Gulf of Mexico.

"Except when in flood, the Rio Grande is apparently an unimportant stream and readily crossed, for the normal flow is well utilized for irrigation in both countries; but it has carved in a part of its course canyons difficult of exploration. The changes wrought by freshets, which shift the channel, demanded the attention of an international commission, which has adjusted the boundary along the Rio Grande to meet the varying conditions. The uncertainty of this is illustrated by a claim some years ago that a portion of the important city of El Paso, Texas, was Mexican soil. The remaining 700 miles of the international boundary to the west separating our neighbor Republic from New Mexico, Arizona, and California is through an arid desert section, much of which is mountainous. This is not a direct line, but has five changes in alignment, which have been accurately surveyed and established by 238 permanent monuments easily distinguishable.

"Mexico has an area approximately one-fourth of that of the United States, a fourth of whose area once belonged to Mexico. It has a coast-line some 6000 miles long, although its greatest length is less than 2000 miles and its greatest breadth only 750 miles.

Although its area is only one-fourth that of Brazil, its population is approximately equal to that of the largest republic of the south continent.

"Some 16,000,000 souls live with-

OAKLAND

A MESSAGE TO MR. S. CLAUS



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GRAY CHARGES REND SCHOOL BOARD PARLEY

Another stormy session rocked the school board last evening at an adjourned meeting called for consideration of the report submitted by Secretary Lloyd D. Barzee on a series of charges made by President Floyd Gray concerning irregularities in the handling of school department business.

So bitter was the discussion of the conditions brought to light in the report that several members left, and the meeting finally dissolved with the report only partially read. The board adjourned to meet Monday night, when the report may be completed.

Hostilities were opened when Commissioner W. H. Edwards, ex-chairman of the board, declared that he could see nothing of any interest to the board at this time in the report, and moved that the report be referred back to President Floyd Gray for an analysis.

REBUKE EXPRESSED BY DIRECTOR CAMPBELL

"I don't care if you can prove that there's nothing to it, when employees of this department are shown to have violated the law and to have taken money that didn't belong to them. In one instance cited in this report an employee drew a warrant for money from the board when he was 150 miles away."

Edwards' motion was not pressed and the report was ordered read and considered.

Barzee's report on the first charge made by President Gray, that certain employees of the department had been paid overtime in violation of the rules of the municipal civil service board, substantiated the charge, but brought out the fact that the case developed out of a clash between the rules adopted forbidding overtime to employees working on a per diem basis and rules of the unions to which the employees belong.

MEN RETURNED TO MONTHLY SALARIES

The issue has already been settled by a decision of the board to return the foremen, carpenter, electrician and plumber to a monthly salary basis, and a recommendation for the change was made last night by the school service board and will be put into effect at once.

The second charge made by Gray, that employees working on a per diem basis during vacation periods, was also substantiated by Barzee's report, with the explanation that the authorization for the payment had been made by former Secretary Daniel W. Pratt, who was recently indicted by the grand jury for malfeasance in office and is now out on probation on the charge.

In reply to President Gray's charge that plumbers had repaired department automobiles, devoting several three days to a job that could have been done in half a day, Barzee reported that in this particular case referred to, the repair of an automobile truck, the hiring of expert service was avoided in the interests of economy, to avoid a large repair bill, and the work was done satisfactorily.

CHARGE PRESENTED BY CONTRACTING PLASTERER

Discussion of the third charge made by Gray was hardly disposed of before the session was interrupted while the board heard charges made by Timothy Sexton, contracting plasterer, that a contract for the plastering of the brick school had been granted to J. R. Tomson on an irregular bid.

Sixson's bid was the lowest, according to Section, but the portion of the bid requiring the designation of the number of days to be consumed in the work was not filled in. The charge will be investigated by Secretary Lloyd D. Barzee. Formal protest against the bid has been filed by Sexton with the board and with the district attorney.

BURGLAR TAKES GIFTS.

An unopened Christmas package

was among the lot taken by a burglar at the home of W. P. Johnson, 1700 Bay street, Alameda, last night, according to a complaint to the police. The gift was wrapped up for the presentation and was lying on a table.

Announcement

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Tribune Carrier Boys Given Christmas Party Santa Claus Drops in at Auditorium For Pageant



BIG PROGRAM ENJOYED BY OVER 2000 GUESTS

Two thousand children, members of the Oakland TRIBUNE Carrier Boys' Association, and their guests, enjoyed a Christmas party in the municipal auditorium theater last night by the Carrier Boys' association. The program includes musical numbers, short addresses and a children's musical pageant.

Besides the members of the Carrier Boys' association and the Aunt Elsie Kiddie club children of the Associated Charities, the Catholic Ladies' Aid society, the West Oakland Home, the Children's Day Home, the Oakland Social Settlement workers, and the Children's Home, were guests at the Christmas party.

ALL CHILD TALENT. "The Fairies of Christmas" is the title of the pageant which was entirely presented by local child talent.

Miss Marian E. Harris, assistant editor of the Oakland TRIBUNE Junior, the carrier boys' publication, prepared the prologue for the event, announcement parts in the musical numbers, and in the musical pageant, by Florie May Tyrrell, who took the part of the Christmas Fairy, and Bernice Claire Jahnigen, who as Jack Frost, danced several solo dances which won heavy applause from the enthusiastic audience of children.

Janice Scott and Lorene Rowell, dancing the dance of the Christmas cherubs, won a place in the hearts of the children. Others who took part in the musical pageant were:

Oliver Hyde, Rosalia Harrison, Dorothy Beuchner, Marion Stone, Evelyn Rowell, Dorothy Lossman, Carol Bradbury, Whima.

CARRIERS GET PRIZES.

Captain William L. Day as Santa Claus, distributed prizes to the carrier boys who were the winners in their contest which closed December 1. Following are the carriers who won prizes:

Frank Moore, Fred Habetz, Frank Bonnington, Quinn Richmond, Ray Johnson, William McCarthy, William Stapleton, Frank Ford, Harold Patterson, Leiland Webb, Jack Litzenstein, John Ottman, Alois Pleau, George Ingles, Robert McCrum, Emile Metke, Jack Wainwright, Werner Harrison and Peter Decenzu.

Following the award of prizes to the winning carriers, bags of candy and Christmas gifts were distributed by the Santa Clauses to every one of the children present.

An imposing array of Christmas fairies and dolls were brought together on the Auditorium theater stage by the time the climax of the musical fantasy at The TRIBUNE party was reached last night. The insert picture is of FLORIE MAY TYRELL, the Fairy Queen. On the left is SANFORD TIEDMAN, and the others are ALBERTA BLAIR, DOROTHY BEUCHNER, BERNICE CLAIRE JAHNIGEN, JANICE SCOTT, BETTY JANE TEEPLE, FLORIE MAY TYRELL, EVELYN WATERS, AGNES COLVIN, MARION STONE, DOROTHY DAUN, OLIVER HYDE, MAXINE BERTILLION, RUTH PARKER, EVILYN ROWELL, DOROTHY LOSSMAN, CAROL PIPER and RUTH CROTER.

Boy Scouts of West Will Gather in Berkeley at Call For First General Round-Up

With national leaders in Boy Scout activities as speakers the biggest conclave of Scout executives ever held in the west will have its setting at the Hotel Claremont next month.

Arrangements for the meeting, which has been set for January 21-24, are in the hands of Charles H. Hunt, Boy Scout executive.

Several hundred delegates from Colorado, Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, Idaho, Utah, Washington, Oregon, Montana, and California will gather for a "western round-up" the first meeting of its kind ever held.

The conclave will also mark the first visit west of national leaders in Scout activities among the speakers scheduled for the program to be:

James E. West, chief Scout executive, New York; Lorene Barclay, chief educational worker, national council; Charles Wilder, chief sea Scout, Colma; Livingston, national president, Boy Scouts, Washington, D. C., and Charles N. Miller, nation's district commissioner.

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No. 1159—In Bankruptcy.

In the Southern Division of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, First Division.

In the Matter of S. R. Tripp, Bankrupt.

To the Creditors of S. R. Tripp, Bankrupt:

Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of December, 1919, the said S. R. Tripp was duly adjudicated a bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at 705 Union Savings Bank Bldg., in the City of Oakland, State of California, on the 6th day of January, 1920, at 2 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of hearing their claims against the said bankrupt, and at the same time and place all creditors whose claims have been duly proved and allowed shall appear, and three or four trustees may also determine whether a trustee or trustees shall be authorized to sell the property of said estate.

Claims must be in the form required by the Bankruptcy Act and filed with the court.

Dated, Oakland, California, December 23rd, 1919.

WM. J. HAYES.

Reference in Bankruptcy in and for the County of Alameda and Contra Costa, State of California.

W. M. SWELLS, JR., Attorney for Petitioner.

SUMMONS

Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Alameda, No. 60061. Dept. 1.

Summons.

Paul Hansen, plaintiff, vs. Florence E. Hansen, defendant.

The People of the State of California, to Florence E. Hansen, defendant.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Alameda, this 14th day of November, A. D. 1919.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Alameda, within ten days after the service on you of this summons—if served within this county, or within thirty days if served elsewhere—on the 1st day of December, 1919, unless you so appear and answer as above required, the said plaintiff will take judgment for any money or damages demanded in the complaint as arising upon contract, or will apply for a default, or any other relief demanded in the complaint.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Alameda, this 14th day of November, A. D. 1919.

GEORGE E. GROSS, Clerk.

By W. E. ADAMS, Deputy.

J. N. YOUNG, 812 Broadway, Oakland, California, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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WALTER D. COLE, newly-elected president of Oakland Chamber of Commerce.

C. OF C. ELECTS COMMITTEE IS WALTER D. COLE SELECTED TO NEW PRESIDENT MEET PERSHING

Walter D. Cole of the firm of Peck, Bunker & Cole, attorneys, was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce at the annual election held last night. Cole is 38 years old, the youngest man ever elected to the presidency of the chamber. Listed as the seventh largest commercial organization in the country.

The new president was manager of the Victor Loan of \$2,000,000, and has been closely identified with the affairs of the chamber and with the promotion of industrial growth in Oakland. Last year he was president of the Oakland Board of Park Directors. His firm represents many corporations, but Cole is said to be on very favorable terms with labor.

Cole in a statement of policy today said that the Chamber of Commerce will fulfill the purpose of its organization by working constantly for the entire community.

BIG TASK AHEAD.

Cole, who succeeds H. C. Capwell, whose term as president has expired, in part said:

"As the Chamber of Commerce, we have a great big task to do. This chamber represents 2,000 of the best red-blooded men in this city and we have a duty to call to the world to us only carry the message out to the world properly."

"As directors, we have a duty to meet such as no set of men ever before had to face. The Chamber of Commerce is for all the people and it is up to us to take our coats off and do something for the entire community.

The great thing that lies before us is the naval base. The Oakland Chamber of Commerce is initially responsible for bringing that naval base into such a position as to favor the local side of the bay. But our work in this regard has just begun.

Elected with Cole as the other officers of the chamber were A. J. Mount, cashier of the Central National Bank, as first vice-president; R. C. Durand, second vice-president; and Joseph E. Caine, secretary.

TOLD BY CAPWELL.

H. C. Capwell, in laying down the office of president, said:

"The record of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce in the past year has been a surprising record. That is because we have had a permanent pilot for the ship, who has stood on the bridge all the time with his hand on the wheel."

The police say that investigation has convinced them that the accident was unavoidable, so far as W. H. Pollard, driver of the death car, was concerned.

Bentley had stepped from another machine and was crossing the street when hit, according to the police report. The car which hit him came from the west and was driven by T. D. Halgerson, who did not see the accident.

Bentley's skull was fractured and he suffered internal injuries.

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On March 16, 1915, Joseph Livingston and his wife, Jennie, gave Morris a promissory note for \$1500 secured by a mortgage on this property. This claim never has been paid.

After the transfer of the land has passed entirely out of the possession of the Livingstons and Morris' claim has not been paid, what I intend to find out is how a piece of land on which there is an unsatisfied lien becomes the possession of other persons.

"I expect within a short time to take legal action to bring about a complete accounting of all the transactions involved in the transfer of the property."

BENTLEY DIES AFTER BEING HIT BY AUTO

J. H. Bentley, 1237 Versailles avenue, Alameda, died early today at the Merritt hospital of injuries suffered when he was struck by an automobile yesterday at Twelfth and Jackson streets, Oakland.

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**Oakland Featured in
Playground Magazine**

Oakland and its recreational facilities are featured in two full page reproductions from the December number of "The Playground," a monthly magazine published at Cooperstown, New York, for the Playground and Recreation Association of America. The Victory Chorus of the War Camps Community Service in its march along Broadway and the throng in front of the Defenders' Recreation Club, Thirteenth and Harrison streets, on the day of the return of the 10th Regiment to Oakland, are depicted.

The contents of the magazine cover many phases of recreation in this country and abroad, emphasizing particularly adult play.

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If one finds it convenient that the services of a hospital and its personnel are to be rendered at their ability to care for the patients, we will have efficiency and economy on each front.

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